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BY TELEGRAPH. SPANISH HELP REFUSED.

President Decides Today to Decline Request for Joint Investigation of Maine Disaster.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The request of the Spanish authorities for permission to join the United States in making the investigation as to the cause of the Maine disaster will be declined by this government. This was decided after a long consultation between Secretary Long, Assistant Secretary Day and President McKinley this morning.

Mr. Long read the telegram from Consul General Lee transmitting the request of the Spanish officials to allow Spanish divers to accompany those of this government. The matter was discussed at length, and it was decided that while this government is willing to afford the Spanish authorities all reasonable facilities for conducting an investigation, yet it is thought best that the first inquiry should be made by our own commissioners.

The request of the Spanish authorities will therefore be respectfully declined, and the work of investigation will be pushed rapidly by the government.

Increasing Coast Defenses.

Boston, Feb. 19.—In compliance with telegraphic orders received last evening at Fort Warren, a detail of one corporal and 13 men went to Mortar Battery at Winthrop this morning fully equipped with 100 rounds of ammunition each. No quarters are there and they will sleep in tents.

Fifteen hundred rounds for the battery are expected and the mortar will be put into position for instant use. Rash orders are also received at the fort to send a squad of men to Fort Winthrop in the harbor to get several guns ready for shipment to Mobile, Ala. They will go all the way by rail owing to the urgency of the call. Carriages have already gone from New York.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The call says it is definitely known that the department at Washington has wired General Shafter to use the utmost vigilance in guarding the guns here. In consequence the guards at Fort Point, Lime Point and at Mortar and Dynamite batteries have been doubled. The regular force of patrol guards has been largely increased.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Officials of the war department are annoyed at the circulation of rumors that seem to connect the present activity on the sea coasts with the Maine disaster. The two have no connection they say. The increases have been going on some time and only mark a step in the developments of the system of coast defense planned some time ago.

HAVANA NEWS.

Caring for Survivors. Newspaper Divers Refused.

Havana, Feb. 19.—Havana still mourns with the American people. Since the funeral ceremonies the city has removed the outward sign of grief, but the work of succoring the living and caring for the dead whose bodies are recovered proceeds tenderly and unremittently. Every care is shown the survivors. Captain General Blanco and the officials continue to co-operate with Captain Sigbee and Consul General Lee. The messages received from Spain and the United States, showing that the action of the Havana authorities is appreciated, give satisfaction to the officers, who are making further efforts to ameliorate the condition of the survivors.

There is sincere regret that circumstances make it impossible to meet the wishes of friends who desire that the remains of their loved ones shall be sent home for burial; but in cases where the officers of the Maine deem it practicable the necessary facilities will be afforded. The feeling of the community is that social functions would be out of place at a time of such mourning, and these will be suspended for the present. Statements from Madrid and Washington to the effect that many people in the United States believe the explosion was accidental coincide with the opinion held by the Spanish officials; and the excitement which followed the disaster has subsided into quiet waiting.

A revolting incident of the day has been the presence of vultures wheeling in the air above the wreck. On the night of the disaster Captain Sigbee requested Admiral Manterola to station boats around the wreck so as to prevent anyone from approaching it without official leave. As a result only those with special permits are allowed to get near the wreck. Captain Sigbee himself, going in the early morning after the explosion to the scene of disaster, was warned off, not being recognized, and was obliged to return and get a formal permit from the naval authorities.

Admiral Manterola refuses to allow the divers sent here by American newspapers to make an investigation near the wreck, at least until Captain Sigbee shall have finished his official investigation. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, Lieutenant Notman and Chief Engineer Howell went with divers Friday to search for the bodies of Lieutenant Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt, but the guards would not allow them to make the search, and they returned to the consulate and lodged a formal complaint with Consul General Lee. However, the agreement reached between Captain Sigbee and General Blanco was that the American commander is to be allowed to use any div-

ers, even the divers sent here by the American newspapers, in his official investigation. Captain Sigbee and the commander of the Fern accompanied by General Lee, visited the captain general and had a conference, at which it was decided that the American press divers should not be allowed to go inside the wreck, though any diver appointed by Captain Sigbee is to have full liberty of movement.

CANARDS RUN DOWN.

Secretary Long Makes a Sweeping Denial of a Multitude of Reports.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Officials of the navy department are weary of denying the silly or malicious canards that are finding circulation every hour. Friday forenoon they pronounced as without foundation in fact the statement that Secretary Long had advised the skippers of all merchant vessels to remain in home ports during the present state of affairs. It is possible that a telegram sent from the department to the naval tug Leyden to keep in port instead of going outside to look after a filibustering expedition was the base for the story. The message was sent at the instance of the weather bureau, which sent notice of a northeaster off the coast that would be dangerous for a craft so small as the Leyden. After a tiresome ordeal in categorical questioning the secretary sought relief in a sweeping denial of the concoctions as follows:

"Really no information has been received since Captain Sigbee's first dispatch adding to our knowledge of the disaster. All we know is that the Maine blew up. There is abundant room for speculation of all sorts, but no conclusion can be arrived at until an examination has been made by the divers and more facts obtained. It is a simple fact to say that such a thing might happen by design, or it might happen by accident. Therefore, my impression has been all along, and I rather think the general opinion preponderates in the same direction, that it must have been accidental.

"You may say absolutely that there has been no secret cabinet meeting; that nothing has taken place in cabinet that the public have not been informed about; that the whole policy of this department has been to give public all the dispatches; that the department has no more knowledge on the subject of the disaster or even the circumstances attending it than have the public, and that the report which was to the effect that Captain Sigbee had warned the department that the Maine was in danger from submarine mines or torpedoes is utterly without foundation, no such report ever having been received from him or from anybody else." The secretary also denied briefly and comprehensively wild rumors that he had requested the chief of police of New York to guard the Vizcaya, and that he had selected Constructor Howles to go to Havana and raise the Maine.

Status of Naval Affairs.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 19.—Rear Admiral C. C. Carpenter, retired, has given his views in relation to the present status of naval affairs. The admiral believes that the United States navy should be designed for defense, not for offense, and should not be sent abroad to fight. "In the event of war our fleet should at once be concentrated upon our own coasts, leaving only a few unimportant ships on foreign stations. These three points of concentration, in my estimation, should be Hampton roads and Long Island sound on the Atlantic and San Francisco bay on the Pacific. Of course, this first line of defense should be supplemented by a complete system of coast defenses; such a system has been designed and is now in progress of construction. The navy as a weapon strictly of defense will be large enough when the ships already building are completed, but one or two more battle ships are needed on the Pacific coast, and the torpedo boat flotilla should be largely increased."

The Submarine Torpedo.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 19.—Charles Cowley, a lawyer of this city, who saw naval service in the civil war as a judge advocate in the Atlantic blockading squadron, in an interview concerning the Maine, quotes an experience of his in being on a vessel which was torpedoed. He was with Admiral Dalgren on the Harvest Moon, March 1, 1865, when she was blown up by a torpedo in Wyman bay, S. C. At that time the steamer sank within three minutes after the torpedo struck it. Mr. Cowley says that the chances are ten to one that submarine divers will ascertain with reasonable certainty whether the Maine was blown up by a submarine torpedo or by her own explosives. Lookouts at the bow, though useful for some purposes, could never see a sub-marine torpedo approaching, and the destruction of the ship would be too quick for observation.

Summary of Results.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The navy department has compiled the following summary showing the total results of the Maine disaster from all available official information up to the close of the department last night: Total officers and men on board, 255—officers, 26, and men, 229; officers lost, 2; men lost, 245; total men injured, 57; doubtful (men), 7. The seven men appearing as doubtful probably represent that number or less whose lives have been saved, but who cannot be identified at present on account of errors in the transmission of telegrams. The 57 appearing as injured are included in the 245 appearing as saved. Two men reported as having died in hospitals are included in the total of 245 appearing above as having been lost.

BY TELEGRAPH. WAR IN THE SENATE.

In Discussing Maine Disaster Senator Mason Attacks the Navy and Sharply Answered.

Washington, Feb. 19.—An appropriation of \$200,000 was made by the senate yesterday, at the suggestion of Secretary Long, for work on the Maine and the recovery, transportation and burial of the bodies of the victims of the horror. As if to foretell a discussion such as was precipitated later in the senate and to preclude favorable action on the proposition for a congressional investigation, the secretary conveyed the assurance that the sinking of the Maine would be made the subject of immediate and exhaustive inquiry, and congress would be fully advised of the result of such investigation. The promise may influence the vote for an independent inquiry, but it failed to avert a flood of oratory on Spain and Cuba.

The resolution offered by Mr. Allen, directing the committee on naval affairs to make an immediate investigation of the disaster to the Maine, was then laid before the senate. It precipitated a most spirited debate on the Cuban question.

Mr. Chandler thought that if "immediate" was stricken out and the matter left within the discretion of the committee there would be no objection to the resolution.

Mr. Mason proposed an amendment striking out all after "resolved" and inserting the following: "By the senate and house of representatives concurring, that a joint committee of five, consisting of three members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate be appointed to investigate the disaster to the battleship."

Mr. Hale expressed the hope that Mr. Mason would not press his substitute.

Mr. Mason followed in a speech replete with sensational utterances. He had no disposition to inflame a situation already so exciting, but he felt that his substitute was fully justified by the feelings and desires of the people. He understood that the navy department was making an investigation of the disaster, but a congressional investigation was demanded by the people. The people were fast coming to the conclusion that matters concerning this Cuban affair, including the De Lome letter incident and the loss of the Maine, of which they ought to know, were being concealed from them. Mr. Mason did not desire to reflect upon the motives or honor of anybody, but he suggested that the officials of the navy department in making their investigation would naturally endeavor to cover up any blame that might attach to them. "The trouble with us," declared Mason, with great vehemence, "that we have adopted the Spanish policy of putting everything off until tomorrow. Let this disaster be thoroughly investigated by congress, and then we shall know that it will be done right." The country, he continued, was tired of the secret considerations of such questions. He was not willing to strike out "immediate" from the resolution. Everyone was interested in knowing who blew up the Maine, and all wanted that information. Why delay? "We were told three years ago to wait. In the meantime the Spanish diplomats had sat at our tables and partaken of our hospitality, while we were still waiting and had continued to wait until the series of calamities had been crowned by the Maine catastrophe with its loss of 250 precious American lives."

Mr. Hale interrupted Mr. Mason to say that there was no disposition to postpone inquiry. The whole subject matter was even now undergoing investigation, and in view of the promptness which had been exercised, there was no reason for impugning the motives of the officials of the department. He thought the senate could reasonably wait a few days until the results of the investigation could be given to the public. He hoped the senate would see the propriety of not making this an occasion for inflammatory speeches, and that all would take the view that in the presence of a calamity which had appalled the whole world, today was not the proper time for an appeal to passion and prejudice.

Replying, Mr. Mason said there was no calamity so great as a failure on the part of those in power to appreciate the real situation when it was so serious as it now was; and no sorrow so profound as that over-indifference to this situation. He had a letter from Julian Hawthorne read to show, as he claimed, that murder was the policy of the Spanish government in Cuba. Autonomy he denounced as a sham, a fraud and a delusion, and the De Lome letter only served to emphasize the treacherous character of the Spaniard. He declared that he would not be willing to serve on the proposed committee, as he would not want to sit at the table with a Spaniard who might have a stiletto under his clothes unless he himself was ironclad. The record of the Spanish nation, continued Mr. Mason, who appeared to be laboring under considerable excitement, was one of continuous treachery, and we had experienced that treachery in our history for the past 300 years. We were told that the naval board might be able to reach Havana by next Monday—tomorrow, always tomorrow. In the meantime who knew but that more dynamite would be put in and the evidences of the catastrophe averted. In conclusion he appealed for a prompt inquiry, and said he thought the senate should vote \$200,000,000 is necessary to save its honor and dignity.

Mr. Wolcott spoke next. It was evident that he was laboring under considerable feeling. He had listened to Mr. Mason with ill-concealed feelings of emotion. Mr. Wolcott spoke with great rapidity and occupied only a few minutes of the senate's time, refusing to be interrupted and speaking very sharply when Mr. Mason sought to divert him. He said that Mr. Mason's resolution, however inopportune, might well have been permitted to pass without comment

terance which Mr. Mason had given to the effect that the people of these United States had lost confidence in one of the great departments of the government.

Mr. Mason interrupted to say that he made no such statement.

Mr. Wolcott had Mr. Mason's remark read from the reporter's notes, and then said that the senate would bear him out that he did not misquote the senator from Illinois. Resuming, he said: "I desire to resent as utterly unfounded the suggestion that there is a patriotic citizen in this land who has not the fullest and most glorious confidence in every department of this government, and in the department of the navy particularly. The people of the United States have never yet been called upon to distrust one of the co-ordinate branches of this government, and never will. Least of all is it decent that in this chamber there should be insinuations cast at this critical time that there is a lack in the minds of the people of the United States, of confidence in our navy. Today as always, the officers of our navy are honorable, courageous, upright men and, above all, they tell the truth. It may be that the public career of the captain of the ill-fated battleship is ended forever, but the disaster that overtook his ship will count for nothing by comparison with the degrading insinuation made here that an officer of our country, with the oath and with the flag above him, would lie and cast responsibility where it did not belong. There is one thing this country can never stand, and that is to listen and without resentment to an insinuation that the officers of our navy are not men of honor and integrity and of truth. The officers appointed to investigate will do their duty. I do not know what slurs the senator from Illinois may have dragged to find the expression of an opinion that there is lack of confidence in the personnel of our navy, but I know he cannot find an honorable or a decent or a patriotic citizen who will endorse the utterances which the senator has made. We should restrain any expression of opinion or belief as to the means by which this awful disaster was brought about until in a proper and formal way an investigation may be had, which we all know will be conducted with the utmost uprightness and integrity. If ever there was a time we should lend our help to every department of the government it should be today. War may come. I think the day may not be far distant, and when it comes we will fight it alone. When that day comes our course must be eternally grounded in the right, and until it comes there is nothing so belittles this people as these unjust and outrageous attacks upon a friendly government. When war comes it must come so that the people of the world can respect our conduct and our position, and above all it must come under circumstances which make us respect ourselves."

Mr. Bacon introduced the following joint resolution: "That there shall be prepared under the direction of the secretary of the navy and placed upon the wall of statutory hall, in the Capitol building, a bronze tablet commemorative of the officers and men of the United States navy who perished in the loss of the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana, Feb. 15, 1898. The said tablet shall contain the names of said officers and men, and shall be an enduring memorial to their honor and a perpetual token of the sorrow of the nation." The resolution further appropriates a sufficient sum of money to carry the resolution into effect. It was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

To Prevent Calamities.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, the executive officer of the Maine, as his last important work prior to his detail to the Maine, prepared a memorandum for the secretary of the navy, setting forth the precautions taken by other governments to protect their man-of-war against just such calamities. This memorandum suggested the appointment of a board of officers to investigate the subject and made recommendations for the use of the bureau of construction in designing future cruisers and battleships.

Mr. Wainwright's memorandum shows that England protects the magazines of her ships from heat by linings of asbestos, air spaces between the walls, which are packed with silicate of cotton and other non-combustible and non-conducting substances, and by ventilating fans and ammonia. France uses refrigerating machines, double floors and walls and asbestos lining. The French experts not only declare that it isn't experts declare that it is not only necessary to discharge cold air into the magazines, but to have the chambers between their walls and over and around them. Serious fires occurred some time ago, as is well known, on the New York and the Cincinnati from spontaneous combustion of coal, and two weeks ago a board appointed to investigate this new danger to our warships made a report recommending a radical reconstruction of the punkers of the ships of our navy. The board contends that all bituminous and soft coals are subject to this danger, especially when "fat," in former years, in old fashioned ships before there were so much machinery and so many compartments, spontaneous combustion was unknown, but in modern war vessels all the conditions are changed and a sufficiently high external temperature will cause spontaneous ignition at any time.

Miss Willard's Successor.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Miss Stevens, national vice president of the W. C. T. U., will, according to National Secretary Stevenson, carry on Miss Willard's work for the present. "No election will take place until the next regular convention," said Miss Stevenson.

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AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Mrs. Walter Bryant Seriously Ill—Mr. Beverly in Court—Volunteer Hose Company's Concert and Ball.

Successful Concert and Ball.

The third annual concert and ball of the Volunteer Hose company, given in the opera house Friday night, was a very successful and pleasant affair. Music was furnished by Porter's full orchestra, which gave a concert from 8 to 9 o'clock. The playing was excellent and every number was received with applause. At the close of the concert came the grand march led by Foreman George W. Bryant and Miss Hattie Hewes. There were over 50 couples in the grand march and more arrived later. A number of North Adams firemen were present in uniform and the members of the Volunteer company were all in uniform. There were 24 numbers on the dance program and when 12 had been danced there was an intermission for supper, which was served behind the curtain on the stage. The table would seat 40 persons at a time and was loaded with good things contributed by the families and friends of the members. All were well pleased with the supper and the price was very low, only 25 cents a couple. The ball tickets were 50 cents. This placed the entertainment within the reach of all and the result was a large attendance and an exceptionally pleasant time. Everything passed off very smoothly and the festivities did not end until well into the morning, when a special car was run to North Adams for the accommodation of guests from that city, Greylock and Blackinton. The total number of tickets sold was about 175 and if the weather had not been threatening the attendance would have been still larger. At 9.30 o'clock 102 tickets had been taken in at the door.

The members of the company are highly pleased by the success of the event and they have good reason to be. The following were in charge: Floor director, W. A. Ranshousen; aids, James Gibbs, George Coons, George Bryant, Edward C. Jerome, committee of arrangements, Adolph Schaeffer, James Gibbs, George W. Bryant, W. F. Walden, F. J. Pease.

Mrs. Bryant Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Walter Bryant was taken seriously ill Thursday with congestion of the brain. She had not been feeling well since she returned from the annual encampment in Boston last week, but nothing serious was anticipated. At about 9 o'clock Thursday morning she was completely prostrated and it was feared she had suffered a shock. Dr. Hull was called and he pronounced her trouble congestion of the brain. She was unconscious considerable of the time during the day and night, but there were signs of improvement Friday, although she had not regained her speech. The doctor and her family were much encouraged and it was believed that she would recover.

Mr. Beverly in Court.

Z. F. Beverly was in court Friday afternoon charged with disturbing the peace. The complainant was Miss Millicent Ford, who was struck by Mr. Beverly's road cart on Cole avenue a few days ago as stated in this paper Friday. The town has no by-law against reckless driving and so the above named charge was preferred. Mr. Beverly pleaded not guilty and the hearing was continued to next Thursday morning.

A Big Record.

Edward Noel sat a hen a few weeks ago on 17 eggs and she hatched 18 chicks. Though this statement may be somewhat startling it is nevertheless true. The explanation is that another hen dropped an egg in the nest, but Mr. Noel knew nothing about it until he counted his chicks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore and daughter returned Friday from a week's visit in New York.

At least one young man in town stands ready to offer himself as a "volunteer" in case of war with Spain. There is great interest in the affair at Havana and the daily papers are eagerly scanned for the latest news.

The indoor athletic meet was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and the gymnasium was open for the benefit of the guests of the societies that are entertaining house parties. The practice games were greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

The Jackson concert will occur Monday evening in Goodrich hall. It will be given by the Star Orchestra club of Boston, assisted by Miss Jennie Corea, soprano soloist.

A good number of students will go home to spend the Washington's birthday recess.

Samuel Starkweather, who is painting the high school house, expects to finish the walls next week.

Miss Mark E. Gray of Greenfield is spending a few days in town with friends.

Michael Cleary has returned from a few days visit in Troy.

The Alpha Delta Phi and Sigma Phi societies are entertaining house parties. The guests came Friday and there will be an almost constant round of festivities and sleighing until they depart early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Foster entertained a large party of friends Thursday evening. There were about 35 couples present and the evening was pleasantly passed with games, dancing and refreshments.

The members of Gale Hose company who with ladies attended the Alert company's ball at Adams Friday night had a delightful time and are loud in their praise of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained.

H. H. Walker will finish the work on S. J. Kellogg's new house by the middle of next week. It is a good-sized house and contains all modern conveniences, and is very thoroughly built.

James Grady is about to erect a good barn on his place on the road leading to

the Moody bridge. The carpenter work will be done by H. H. Walker.

Rev. G. P. Merritt, pastor of the Congregational church at South Williamstown, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Edward Wilson. In the evening Mr. Wilson will preach the second of a series of sermons to young men, taking for his subject "The Young Man in Business."

The temperance people are planning to do some work before town meeting, and it is possible that a speaker will be brought from New York.

Rev. Edward Wilson will deliver his lecture, "Sights and Sounds Abroad," before the Young Men's Mutual Improvement society at Blackinton February 23.

Rev. Dr. Clymer of Pittsfield will deliver the second lecture in the course being arranged by Rev. Edward Wilson. The first is to be given by Rev. Dr. J. W. Thompson of Pittsfield.

Dr. Woodbridge delivered his third lecture to the seniors Friday evening.

Rev. William R. Campbell of Roxbury will preach in the college chapel Sunday evening.

Professor Russell will address the seniors Sunday afternoon at 4.45 o'clock.

The 31st annual reunion and dinner of the New England alumni of Williams college will be held February 25 at the University club, Boston. Governor Wolcott and President Carter will be among the speakers.

The Amherst and Williams Chess clubs will meet in the near future.

A petition for a state park on Greylock is being circulated among the students.

Dr. F. W. Olds has been appointed consul of the L. A. W. of Williamstown.

Adolphus Clark of New Haven, Conn., recently visited his brother, E. C. Clark. The Vernon brothers gave a pleasing musical entertainment in the Methodist Sunday school room Friday evening, but the attendance was rather small owing to various other attractions in town.

The farce, "A Fatal Message," was well presented in St. John's parish room Friday evening. There was a good attendance, some being present from Blackinton.

"If you are going to build you need a plan." For good ideas, at reasonable prices, employ Arthur G. Lindley, architect, 8 Church street.

The Applied Arts.

All sorts of bronzes, more or less fitful, ruffle the surface of art, but the current is once more setting with increasing steadiness and strength toward the point where art becomes the handmaid that ministers to the practical needs of men. Painters and sculptors are working with the architects not only in beautifying buildings, but in giving an artistic perfection to the furnishings and utensils. Stained glass, mosaic, wall papers and fabrics, furniture, posters, book and magazine illustrations are only some of the numerous avenues of activity which the movement opens up to the artist. It is quite within recent years that it has reached our shores, but now that it is come its continuance and its spread are assured, for it appeals exactly to the democratic conditions of the national life. It brings the masses in touch with art and in the way most likely to influence them—by daily contact.

Museums do much to refine and cultivate the thousands who visit them, but their usefulness would be small compared with a diffusion of art among all the things of everyday life. That is the goal to which the movement in favor of the "applied arts" is directed, and undeniably none could be nobler. No doubt it is a long way off, but that is no reason for despairing of the possibility of reaching it. Nor is the material character of American life a bar to it. The Athenians of Pericles' time, the Italians of the renaissance and the Netherlands were material enough and fully as bent on matters merely mercenary, and yet they surrounded themselves with the evidences, in small things as well as big, of taste and refinement.

There is no incompatibility between materialism and art, especially when at the back of both is a strong pride in citizenship. A large share of the credit for what has already been accomplished is due to the architects. On them devolves the execution of the highest evidences of improved taste, and they have it in their power to combine with their own work that of the painters and sculptors.—Harper's Weekly.

Butterfly Neckties.

"I had a singular experience during a recent tour of Europe," remarked a gentleman prominent in the literary world, "in the search for one of the simple, ordinary butterfly neckties. There was a time when I wore scarfs and ties more elaborate, but that has passed, and I, like many other men who have passed the meridian of life, am content with comfort instead of looks. I had a pretty good supply of butterfly ties while in Rome. I searched through nearly every store in the Eternal City, but could not find any. I had a similar experience in Berlin and Vienna. I was told, however, that I would have no trouble to secure what I wanted in Paris, but, though I tried nearly all the large establishments, I could not find such a thing, though there were hundreds of other styles easily obtainable. Next I tried London, though more for the fun of the thing than anything else, for I had some made to order in Paris, and, strange as it may appear, none of the haberdashers of London could supply them. Until this experience I did not know that the butterfly tie is distinctly an American idea and is known here."—Washington Star.

Not What She Meant. Young Wife—Oh, Charlie, dear, this new cook has burnt the beef; but, then she's so young and inexperienced! Will a kiss compensate you for her carelessness?

Charlie—I've no objection. Send her in.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

WORTH MILLIONS. But Could Not Buy Bread. So Goes the Story.

Like the Man at Klondike, Who Died of Starvation, With His Hut Full of Gold.

Many Die Yearly, With Means of Salvation at Hand, Were They But Able to Use Them.

Physicians the world over have known of and believed in the virtues of cod liver oil. They have, alas, also realized its drawbacks and the impossibility of administering it where it would do good. Doctors have seen hundreds of people die of consumption and other wasting diseases, whom they knew might have been saved had they only been able to take enough cod liver oil to obtain from it sufficient amount of the medicinal principles which it contained.

It is not necessary to go to doctors to know why cod liver oil has been a popular remedy, or to realize how few people are able to take enough of it to do them any good. The many who have needed and attempted to take this nauseating remedy, if they are still in a position where they need cod liver oil, are the ones who should throw their hats in the air and shout their joy from the housetop at the news which comes to us of Vinol.

There are people who will never forget the name of this new remedy, nor will they ever cease to thank C. C. Isbell of the Wilson house drug store, our prominent druggist, who has become famous in the past few days on account of his connection with the New York firm who are introducing this same remedy.

How simple it all sounds, now that we know of it. Here Mr. Isbell has, right in his store, a preparation that looks like and tastes like delicious wine. It is a delicious wine, only there has been added to it this extract of the cod's liver, this peculiar special extract of the curative principles, the means of obtaining which is the only discovery about Vinol. We do not believe there is an invalid in this city suffering from throat, lung or bronchitis troubles, or in fact any wasting disease, but has already interested himself in this preparation.

Mr. Isbell is kept busy explaining its merits and telling his many friends how it is now possible to take all that is necessary of cod liver oil, or Vinol, its concentrated active medicinal principles, to overcome disease. It has not been a difficult matter for him to explain, as he has done, the absolute uselessness of the grease itself and to demonstrate the great value of the medicinal properties of the liver of the cod. It has not been necessary for him to tell sufferers from such troubles that fat does not make fat, but simply upsets and disarranges the stomach.

There are many people right here in our city who know from but a few days' experience how much benefit they are deriving from this preparation, and who have already learned that the medicinal properties of Vinol act in a most wonderful manner in checking the symptoms of disease, while at the same time enabling the stomach to assimilate and digest from palatable, every-day food, the necessary nourishment to renew tissue depleted by disease.

Mr. Isbell is justly pleased at the success that will attend the connection he has made with the prominent New York firm who are putting up this preparation, and justly deserves all the fame and profit that will attach themselves to his name, on account of his enterprise in first introducing Vinol to our city.

Steam Carpet Cleaning

Carpets taken up, cleaned, and relaid at short notice. Try our STEAMING PROCESS—it makes them look like new. Old carpets remodeled. Custom Laundry and Bed Renovating a specialty.

W. R. CLARK & SON, 5 Brooklyn St. Telephone 104-4. Orders left at Blanchard's Dye House Eagle St. will get prompt attention.

Mrs. L. E. Church of No. 6 North Church Street, has opened a salesroom for her

Home Bakery

No. 30 EAGLE STREET. where she will be pleased to see her old customers and hopes by courteous treatment to gain a share of public patronage. Milk for sale.

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DEALER IN Musical Merchandise, Sheet Music and Musical Instruments. Goods of all kinds taken and sold on commission. 29 EAGLE STREET.

MACHINERY. Shafting, Hangers, Couplings. Machinery Steel in all sizes from 8 inches diameter down to 2 1/2 inches diameter cut any length, always in stock. Cold Rolled Rounds, Squares, Flats, Hexagons, Octagons, hexagons and all sheet metals in exact sizes. Everything in readiness to be shipped at once. Our goods are with a rival and only prices the lowest of all. Telephone 316, South Boston. COMPRESSED STEEL SHAPING WORKS, South Boston, Mass.

RUPTURE SURG. (THE Book Free. S. J. NEWMAN, Rupture Specialist, Mt. Vernon N. Y.)

Wouldn't Be "Half Hanged." It was once the custom in several southern states, when a man under sentence of the law was hanged and three times in succession broke the rope and fell to the earth before the sentence could be carried out, to liberate him and thereafter to account him innocent of the crime of which he was convicted.

An old dorky past the threescore and ten years generally allotted to man had a neighbor whom he considered a "hoodoo," a "Jonah." One day he went over to his neighbor's house and killed him with a shotgun. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. The day of the execution arrived, and a great crowd assembled to see the old man hanged. He was a very heavy man, and when the noose had been placed around his neck and the barrel drawn from under him his weight broke the rope and he fell to the ground.

The second time and the third time the rope broke, and then his friends demanded that he be released. The sheriff turned him over to his friends, who made a great show of welcome. But he broke away from them, and, hurrying to the sheriff, who was about to leave the scene, he astounded him with: "Hold on, Massa Sheriff! Hold on! Put that rope around this old nigger's neck again. D'ye think I'm goin to have all de folks point me out as a half hung man? No, sah. Try it again! Try it again!"

The sheriff did try it again, and this time the rope did not break.—New York Sun.

Stopping the Interest. Daniel Webster once dined with an old Boston merchant, and when they came to the wine a dusty old bottle was carefully decanted by the servant and passed to the host. Taking the bottle, he filled Webster's glass and handed it to him. Then, pouring out another for himself, he held it to the light and said: "How do you like it, Mr. Webster?"

"I think it is a fine specimen of old port." "Now, can you guess what it cost me?" asked the host. "Surely not," said Webster. "I only know that it is excellent." "Well, now, I can tell you, for I made a careful estimate the other day. When I add the interest to the first price, I find that it cost me the sum of just 5 shillings per glass."

"Good gracious! You don't say so?" cried Webster. And then, draining his glass, he presented it again, with the remark:

"Fill it up again as quick as you can, for I want to stop that confounded interest."—Nuggets.

Valuable Pottery.

An interesting story is told of Lady Helen de Hangeat-Gentils, who started a small pottery on her estate, chateau d'Oiron, about 1524. In this factory was made the famous Faience d'Oiron. She was a widow, cultured and very artistic. A collection of her crayon portraits is said to have been preserved, but it was in the manufacture of china that she made a name for herself. Not more than 50 pieces of Faience d'Oiron are now known to be in existence. All of them are small, but of surpassing beauty. They are supposed to have been made as gifts for friends. They have an inlaid ornament of interlacing bands or scrolls, arabesques and geometrical forms of tinted glazes, yellow and brown, relieved with soft colors on a cream white ground, forming a smooth surface and covered with a soft glaze.—Art Amateur.

The Letter G.

The letter G furnishes us a curious bit of orientalism. Its Hebrew name is gimel, camel, from the resemblance of the Hebrew character to the head and neck of that animal. The character was thus almost certainly derived from a picture of that animal, which, reduced to a hieroglyphic and then simplified, still distantly indicates the shape of the head and neck of the beast of burden familiar to every dweller in eastern lands.

The crosses on the English royal crowns were introduced by Richard III during his short and turbulent reign. The arches of the diadem were added by Henry VII in 1485.

NORTH ADAMS Savings Bank

Established 1848. 73 Main St. adjoining Adams National bank. Business hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday till 6 p.m. President, A. C. Houghton. Treasurer, V. A. Whitaker. Vice-Presidents, William Burton, G. L. Rice, W. H. Gaylord. Trustees, A. C. Houghton, William Burton, G. L. Rice, W. A. Gaylord, E. S. Whitson, H. T. Cady, G. H. Cutting, V. A. Whitaker, W. H. Gaylord, W. H. Sperry. Arthur Robinson, N. L. Millard, F. A. Wilcoxson. Board of Investment, G. L. Rice, W. H. Gaylord, F. A. Wilcoxson.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Regular meetings of the Board of Health will be held at their office in City Hall every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Office hours of the Agent of the Board of Health from 10.30 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1.30 until 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 18 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

COASTING NOTICE.

The commissioner of public works, J. H. Emigh, has set aside the following streets on which coasting will be permitted: Hall, Meadow, Lawrence avenue, East Brooklyn, Walnut, south of corner, East Main, east of Kemp avenue and Dover street.

J. H. EMIGH, Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE. The Chairman of Public Works will be at his office each week day from 10 to 11 a. m. and 4 to 5 p. m. J. H. EMIGH, Commissioner of Public Works.

Some Pointed Questions

Does your urine contain any sediment? Is the lower part of your back sore, weak and lame? Does your urine have a whitish, milky color? Is there a smarting or scalding sensation in passing it? Does it pain you to hold it? Do you desire to urinate often, especially at night?

If you have any of these symptoms, your Kidneys are diseased and your life is in danger. More people die of such disorders than are killed in wars.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is a direct and sure cure. It goes straight to the seat of diseases in the Kidneys, Bladder and Blood. It hunts out and drives from the system all the impurities that cause pain in the back, Stone in the Bladder, Bright's Disease, Urinary Troubles, and diseases of the Stomach and Liver. It acts at once. There is no long waiting to see if it will help.

"For years I suffered with my Kidneys," writes THOMAS QUACKENBUSH, of Pittsfield, Mass. "The pain in my back was so severe at times that I was obliged to keep to my bed. I suffered awfully when passing water, which was often discolored with blood. I tried almost everything in the shape of medicine, but nothing seemed to help me. One day I got a bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and used it but a little while when it braced me right up. My back became all right, no pain at all; my water cleared up and passed from me without pain, and I grew better in every way. I consider it a great medicine, as it has done wonders for me. My wife uses it for female complaint, and thinks it's the finest medicine in the world."

Sample Bottle Free.

Every man and woman who reads this paper and is in need of medicine, is invited to send full postoffice address for a free trial bottle of Favorite Remedy to the Dr. DAVID KENNEDY CORPORATION, Rondout, N. Y. Our offer is genuine, and the fact that it appears in this paper is a guarantee that the trial bottle will be sent prepaid. Don't delay in writing, and mention this paper. A large bottle costs \$1.00 at all drug stores.

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Every well regulated household should have on hand for emergencies a quantity of—

Pure Unadulterated Whisky.

There is so much adulteration in these goods that the only safe way is to buy from a reliable dealer. We have good that are absolutely pure and which cannot be excelled for quality, smoothness and age. Finest Domestic and Imported Wine for the family table or the sick room. Orders Promptly Filled.

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If you would avoid the increasing cost of the old-fashioned post mortem assessment plan as well as the excessive cost of Old Line insurance, insure with the

Greenfield LIFE ASSOCIATION. Greenfield, Mass. Policy contracts are liberal, concise and just. H. O. EDGENTON, Sec. 100 STATE STREET, BOSTON.

Good Homes and Splendid Investments

Among the bargains I have for sale I would particularly call attention to the following: 2 room house and 1.4 acre of land on Bloch view avenue. 3 new houses on Ashland street, one a two bedroom house. Good lots on Ashland and Davenport streets for grading or filling. Several other desirable investments in other parts of the city.

E. J. CARY, 16 Ashland Street, Real Estate Bought and Sold.

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind Piles, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumor, always the itching at once, acts as a purgative, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. By druggists, by mail we receive price, 50 cents and \$1.00. WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO., Props., Cleveland, Ohio. For Sale at Pratt's Drug Store.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Klondike Gold Fields Yukon Fields. New line and to Pacific Coast. Circulars of latest information 127 Washington St., Boston.

Pyrocure Cures Piles!

HOW ARE YOU TO BELIEVE IT? If you have suffered from this annoying complaint, you have heard this promised before. Probably tried countless remedies, all with the same result—disappointment. Try one more.

Try Pyrocure—

Investigate beforehand. Read the letters printed below. Talk with the men who wrote them and then buy a bottle if convinced. For years it has been performing permanent cures in this vicinity. It is the remedy you want, depend upon it. PURELY VEGETABLE AND ENTIRELY HARMLESS

Strong Words from Local People.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Dec. 26, 1895
The Pyrocure Company,
GENTS:—I most gladly state to you the great benefit I have received from the use of your Pyrocure. I have been a great sufferer from Piles for years. I procured one bottle of your Pyrocure, and I can most sincerely say to you an entirely cured and I most earnestly wish all troubled as I have been might know of its beneficial effects.
Yours truly,
A. H. PATTERSON.
NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Jan. 28, 1896
The Pyrocure Company,
GENTS:—I take pleasure in certifying to the merits of Pyrocure having used it for Catarrh and Piles, also for galls, sore back and scratches on horses. It is surely a very valuable remedy.
J. H. FLAGG.

For Sale at

NORTH ADAMS: Wilson House Drug Store, Rice's Drug Store and Hastings' Drug Store. ADAMS: Thompson's, Mole's and Riley's Drug Stores. WILLIAMSTOWN: Severance's and Chamber's Drug Stores, and A. E. Hall's Store. NORTH POWNAL: S. L. Smith's Store. WILMINGTON: Ware's Store, C. H. Parmelee.

The Pyrocure Co.

North Adams, Mass.

AT ADAMS

CHURCH NOTES.

Trinity Methodist.
There will be regular services Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will speak on "Gospel Faith."

The Epworth League will hold their regular meeting Sunday evening. The subject will be "Saved to the Uttermost."

Universalist.
The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "Israel Defeated." In the evening at 7 o'clock he will preach on "The Problem of the Child."

Baptist.
At the Baptist church tomorrow morning the pastor will speak upon "The Bible and the revelations of Archaeology." His evening theme will be, "The Sleep of Sin."

No one will be disappointed who attends the concert given by the Vernon brothers at the Baptist church tonight. They have been enthusiastically received everywhere and are the wonder of all who hear them. The advance sale of tickets has been quite successful.

Regular meeting of the Young People's union Sunday evening led by W. E. Davis. The subject will be "The Law of Love."

St. Mark's.
The pastor has prepared a schedule of services for Lent. Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday and services will be held at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Week days until holy week services will be held daily at 4.15 p. m. except Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Wednesdays at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., Fridays at 10 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Sunday services during Lent will be at 8 and 10.45 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12.15 p. m. Holy communion every Sunday during Lent except the second Sunday and Palm Sunday.

Congregational.
Regular Sunday services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Miles B. Fisher will be in charge at the Zionite chapel.

Washington's Birthday Exercises.

Principal T. K. McAllister of No. 8 Commercial street school has arranged a fine program to be rendered at the school room Friday afternoon, February 25. It will consist of declamation and singing. Those who will take part are: Lila Hoxie, Josephine Periss, Mae O. Dunbar, Maude S. Bowen, Carrie Beauchemin, Rosalie, V. Burns, Mary M. Ryan, Anna McNamara, Fred A. Knabo, Wilfred J. Lafontaine, Arthur F. Wells, Catherine St. John, E. Lillian Carpenter, Rose L. Beauchemin, Alfred Carpenter, S. Georgiana Lord, Jessie A. Larabee, Arthur J. Burke, John Kernahan, Emile J. Pheupien, George J. Guttler, Samuel Pare, Herbert P. Yurke, Elizabeth A. Knabo, J. Edward White and Alice M. Verchot. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Dissolved Partnership.

Whalen & Turner, who went into the blacksmithing business on Myrtle street when Bowen & Brisley dissolved, and have been successful since their start have dissolved partnership and now Patrick Whalen will conduct the business alone. Mr. Whalen is one of the most capable blacksmiths in this vicinity. He is a very accommodating workman and his many friends hope to see him succeed.

Lady Franklin lodge, auxiliary to the Sons of St. George, will hold a social in Odd Fellows' hall next Tuesday evening. Every lady will bring a basket filled with lunch and these baskets will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. A musical program will be given and a pleasant social is expected.

There were four dances in town Friday evening. The Alert ball in the Armory, the St. Jean Baptiste dance, the Turn Verein Vorwartz club's masquerade and a dance at the Caledonian hall in Renfrew. All were well attended.

John L. Burt of Framingham is the guest of Mark Meyers of Temple street.

The insurance commissioners from Boston will be here next Saturday to discuss a lower rate of insurance.

George D. Hoyt of Crandall street visited his mother in Pittsfield, Friday.

O. M. Campbell of Boston is the guest of local friends.

A few from this town are planning to attend the institution of a council of the Knights of Columbus in Hudson, N. Y., Sunday.

Miss Nellie McNulty of West street is visiting her brother, W. B. McNulty of Hudson.

Mrs. M. F. Kevlin of North Adams visited friends here Friday.

Farm for Sale.
Farm of 43 acres, farming implements and stock. One mile from Center street in Adams. The price is right. Enquire of E. D. Powers or address Box 1113, Adams, Mass.

Headache Quickly Cured.
Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails.

Some Foolish People.
Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c, and 50c Trial size free. At all druggists.

"Calman's" "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

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COMPENSATION.

Dearest, for me the breath of flowers,
The morning breeze from the garden,
For you the red worm through the hours
And mold upon your eyes.

For you the earth smell and the rain,
The wan roods writhing overhead,
For me an ever sobbing pain,
And few, few words you said.

For me the light pulsating waste,
For me the noisy, writhing sea,
For you all silences are loosed,
All darks were endlessly.

And yet I would that I could lie
In darks and silences as deep,
Where drawn lips can not laugh or sigh,
Nor dusty eyes can weep.

If I but knew that you overheard,
Beneath the sky's crossing smile,
Went sometimes sorrowing for the dead
As I do all the while.

—Frost Wheeler in New York Press.

A CORK LEGGED MAN.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

Of the six passengers who alighted from the stage coach at the Acorn inn, in Blissfield, one April evening was a man with a wooden leg. That sort of a misfortune is not rare, and yet the victim, especially in a country town, always attracts considerable attention. The stranger registered as John Gordon of Chicago, and when he gave out that he might remain in Blissfield for several weeks everybody wondered what business could have brought him there.

"The man with the wooden leg," as he came to be generally spoken of, had been in town about a week, when one of the leading merchants was robbed of about \$1,000 in cash. He had the money in an old fashioned safe, which opened with a key, and the safe had been unlocked. Entrance to the store had been effected by way of the fanlight over the front doors. No suspicious characters had been seen about the town, and as the merchant and his son were the only ones having keys to the safe the affair was a puzzle. The local constable did a great deal of talking, but struck no clew, and in his desperation he asked Gordon to assist him, believing, no doubt, that a government officer of any sort ought to be more or less posted in detective work. Gordon seemed to think the matter over for awhile and then replied:

"The case is as plain as the nose on your face. The merchant's son took the money, and after this thing gets down he will go off to St. Louis to have a good time. I'd stake my life he's got every dollar of the missing cash securely hidden away somewhere."

The constable couldn't believe it of the young man, having known him from childhood, but he was bound by a promise not to mention the matter, and after several theories had been worked out and exploded the matter was allowed to drop, or, rather, it was relegated for another sensation. Seven or eight days after the store robbery the postoffice was entered. That, too, had an old fashioned safe, but it held something like \$2,000. Of this sum about \$500 belonged to the postmaster, the balance to the citizens.

The lock on the back door was bored off with a brace and bit taken from a carpenter's shop, and this safe was also opened by means of a false key. The excitement in that small town was intense, and men tumbled over each other to advance theories and suggestions. The robbery did not take place until after 10 o'clock at night. The postmaster and his assistant could prove themselves clear. The general idea was that the burglars had driven into the village from a point perhaps 20 miles away, and this was strengthened by the tale of a farmer as to having seen a buggy with two men in it pass his house twice that night. He saw nothing of the sort, but told the story from a desire to "mix in" and furnish a clew.

The sheriff rode all over the county in search of his men, but the days passed and no one was arrested. No one had advanced the theory that the robber was living among us, and if any one had he would have been laughed at for his words. Gordon, the government agent, was the only stranger in town, and who could suspect him? He had little to say about either job, but when pressed for an opinion on the postoffice affair he replied:

"Gentlemen, my line is not detective work, though I have seen a good deal of it and know something about criminals. Whoever did that job came from a distance. There was likely two of them. They may have come 50 miles for all we know, but you can bet they were old hands and slick ones."

It was decided that the robbery had been committed by strangers, and after a search lasting three or four days the officers gave it up. It was a big loss to the postmaster and several citizens, but they had to bear it the best way they could. The postmaster was an old man and had little of this world's goods, and Gordon offered to be one of the ten to chip in \$50 and make good his loss. The other nine did not come forward, but everybody in town said it was more than kind of the man with a wooden leg, and a dozen or more of the most prominent men shook hands with him over it. Ten or 12 days passed, and then came a terrible tragedy.

The richest man in Blissfield was Squire Higgins. He owned the woolen mill, a store and several houses and had money to lend. He was a widower, but lived with his son and daughter-in-law. His room was on the ground floor, while all the others slept up stairs. He had no safe, but kept his money in a tin box on a shelf in a closet. He had a bank account over at Medina, ten miles away, but often had \$1,000 dollars or more in the house. One evening when the others were ready to go to bed he announced that he had some business to attend to and was seated at his desk in the sitting room when the others retired. About midnight the daughter-in-law heard a fall and a groan down stairs, and when her husband went

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One little packet, over 20 Dainty Desserts (fresh) by mail for the asking.

Dissolves instantly in boiling water, and is thus ready for immediate use.

Be sure you get it. There is but the genuine is man—One Minute Gelatine.

House and grounds were searched, but the murderer had escaped, and he had also taken with him the cash box, which contained about \$700. The murder had taken place in the bedroom. Having finished his work, the squire had retired to bed and had perhaps fallen asleep. Some noise made by the murderer as he hunted for the cash box had aroused him, and he had sprung out of bed and grappled with the unknown. Any one of the stabs would have disabled him, but it appeared that the midnight intruder had held on to him and used the knife again and again, as if he thirsted for blood. When I heard men speak of this next day, the cruel eyes and thin lips of the man with the wooden leg was the next thought. Boy that I was, he seemed to be a man who would do just that thing, and I found myself wondering if he was not the guilty party in all three instances.

Gordon seemed to take a lively interest in the murder, which he promptly declared to be the work of strangers again. When something was said about getting a detective, he opposed the project on various grounds, in which he was backed by the local officers. No outside help would have been called in, and the murderer might have gone his way but for the arrival of another stranger. He was, as it happened, a first class detective, who was just then employed in tracing a missing man. The crime was a day old when he reached Blissfield. He heard all the particulars from the loungers at the inn and then volunteered to look the ground over.

This was a courtesy on his part which the sheriff could not refuse, and after supper he was taken to the house. I did not see much of his work, but it was talked about for long months afterward. The murderer had got in by a parlor window, which was six feet from the ground. He had used a chair to force up the sash. He had lighted three or four matches in making his way into the sitting room. He had gone out by the same window, crossed a newly made garden and climbed a fence. He had used a regular dagger instead of a knife in his work. He had secured the box before the old man was aroused and had also taken a small sum of money from the trousers hanging on the chair.

The tracks in the garden were still fresh when the detective took hold of the work, and in three minutes he had made up his mind to something. He had little to say to any of the men, explaining that he had not yet completed his investigations, but as he left the house to return to the inn, while I followed at a respectful distance, he turned down a quiet lane, beckoned me to follow, and

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The Biggest Month.

The alligator has a large mouth, but it can't begin to bite off at a mouthful as much as the modern steam dredge can. When the lips of this machine close together they take in a number of cubic yards of mud at once, amounting to some tons in weight, no doubt the biggest mouthful taken by anything in these days, animate or inanimate.—New York Sun.

Incompetent.
"Don't you consider the Venus de Milo beautiful?"
"I don't know about that. She couldn't run a typewriter to save her life."—Chicago Record.

"I want you to go with me to overhaul the man with the wooden leg at the tavern."

"But he can't have done it," protested the officer. "The tracks you found showed that the murderer had two feet."

"Just so, and he was lame in the left leg."

"But this man Gordon has lost his left leg at the knee."

"I want to see if he has."

The sheriff, detective and constable, with two or three citizens, proceeded to the inn and to Gordon's room. He sat smoking and reading and had his supper brought up to him that night, claiming to be suffering with neuralgia. He was cool and quiet and offered cigars all around, but those who were watching him saw him grow pale as the sheriff began by hogging his pardon and hoped no offense would be taken, but would he let them look at his wooden leg?

Gordon faltered and bluffed and was reaching for a pistol under his pillow when the detective seized him. He fought like a demon and it took the five or six men to overcome him. When they had him securely bound they unstrapped his wooden leg, and, lo, his left foot was there as right as any man's. His leg was a supple one, and he had bent the lower portion back and strapped it thus and then put his knee in the crotch of the wooden leg. Of all those who had taken a look at his leg not one had suspected the cheat.

Yes, he was the man who had robbed the merchant and the postmaster, and he was also the murderer of Squire Higgins. The plunder and the dagger were found in his trunk, which he had ready packed, as he was intending to leave town next day. He simply laid his wooden leg aside when he went out at night. The wearing of it gave him a sort of halt when it was removed, and as he crossed the garden after the murder the left foot pressed the ground more lightly than the right. On the evidence worked up by the detective in a couple of hours' time Gordon was tried, convicted and hung, and every dollar of the stolen money went back to the rightful owners.

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HOLD YOUR PATIENCE.

In an exciting time such as the present people are given to "seize" things. There seems to be little groundwork in fact for the story of the floating bomb published yesterday, in fact information as to the cause of the wrecking of the Maine is still meager and unsatisfactory. Excitable persons, some of whom have had experience in the navy, have advanced startling theories coupling Spanish officials with a conspiracy to blow up the fine cruiser. A few men in public life have indiscreetly given publicity to suspicions that are not supported by a color of truth. In this poiouari of suspicions and theories not a ray of light as to the actual cause of the lamentable disaster has yet penetrated.

Capt. Sigbee declines to express any opinion on the cause of the explosion. He will reserve his opinion until the divers can go down to the sunken hulk to make observation and report. The navy department acting upon the captain's suggestion has declined to give out any statement explaining the cause of the wreck and others in position to speak conservatively and intelligently are retaining a becoming silence.

Naval experts, however, are quite agreed that in case the hulk bears evidence of having been forced inward the presumption will be strong that the boat was blown up by a floating torpedo fired by design. If on the other hand the force of the explosion spent itself outward the presumption will be strong that the explosion took place in a magazine of the boat. Neither presumption will establish the real cause of the catastrophe.

THEY INCREASE IN PRICE.

These heartless exporters and foreign buyers are evidently determined to destroy the last possible chance of the free-silver Democrats. They keep on pouring the money into coffers of the farmers of the country in a way that must make the heart of the average Bryanite ache. The January exports of breadstuffs and provisions were far in excess in value of those of January of last year, and for the seven months ending with January were nearly \$75,000,000 in excess of those of the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Nearly every article which the farmer has to sell in grains, meats, dairy products etc., has advanced in price, despite the insistence of the silverites that this could not happen without adoption of their financial proposition.

The sleighing party and runaway season has received new lease of life from the last storm.

Klondike talk isn't heard on the street very much of late. Has the recent return of two been effective as a damper?

A Cincinnati negro jumped from a third-story window with suicidal intent. The intent did not stand the concussion as well.

The Iowa as well as the Massachusetts legislature has refused to adopt equal suffrage in honor of the convention of equal suffragists in Washington.

The strike among the cotton workers and the Zola trial are still as interesting in their developments as before the Maine disaster, but who has heard of them since?

Those patriots who are hoping that the disaster to the Maine will result in war with Spain are evidently disappointed over the number of men that are at the bottom of the Havana harbor.

"I am a senator from Kentucky, but I'm a senator for the United States," is the remark of Senator Lindsay. If all senators would act upon this theory the senate would not so often be open to criticism.

In the death of Miss Frances E. Willard the country loses the noblest flower of them all, and humanity a dearest friend. For God and home and humanity she labored and a spontaneous "well done" wells up in the American heart.

Those persons who entertain a sneaking doubt of the ability of great men to talk entertainingly on subjects of which they have no knowledge whatever, ought to have that doubt removed after hearing our statesmen tell how the Maine was dismantled.

A prominent Boston Banker says: "The vital weakness of our present situation is that our government now issues demand notes like a bank, while a considerable number of the directors, to wit, our senators and representatives in Congress, are trying to devise means for paying these notes at 50 cents on the dollar." Under such conditions no bank of issue could expect to enjoy first-class credit.

At a business men's banquet in New York, a few nights ago, Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of the Outlook, and trustee of Williams college, told a little story. "There was a negro down in Tennessee," he said, "who after several years' faithful attendance at church, left it altogether. The minister saw him some time afterward, and said: 'Sam, why don't you come to church? I don't see you any more.' 'Well,' replied the negro, 'it's all right sir, but you talks of God all the time and I'm for Bryan.' Mr. Mabie's friends in Williams will appreciate the anecdote.

Cadet companies are not to be allowed to carry even dummy guns, if the action of the legislative committee on the bill on that question is confirmed. It is a disappointment to members of the Father Mathew societies, who hoped to see new vigor put into the organization by the revival of military drill. But if the state's not to allow the temperance society to drill with arms, it might be well to have some of the principles of that order instilled into the state militia, where last summer's agitation showed that military training was apt to depend too much on what is known as canteen inspiration.

DISCUSSING DE LOME.

Still a Popular Topic in Diplomatic Circles.

SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

Judge Day's Call on the Spanish Minister. De Lome's Future Prospects—Belief That the President Will Move Soon Restrains Congress From Aggressive Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—[Special].—For nearly a fortnight all the professional and amateur diplomats in town have been discussing the Dupuy de Lome incident. That gentleman has taken himself away, but the discussion stirred up by De Lome is still here and bids fair to stay a long time. Great difference of opinion has arisen as to the propriety of the action of Assistant Secretary of State Day in calling at the Spanish legation to inquire of Dupuy de Lome whether or not that gentleman had written the letter which looked up such a big fuss. Some contend that Mr. Day was himself guilty of an indiscretion, of a breach of etiquette, almost as serious as that committed by Senor de Lome. In support of this view they point out the fact that under international law a legation is really a part of the territory of the nation which it represents, and that therefore Judge Day had no business invading Spanish territory to catechize the minister as to his conduct.

An Extreme View.

But this is an extreme—we may almost say a hysterical—view of the situation. Granted that the Spanish legation here is, in a certain sense, Spanish territory. It is well known that a foreign minister is secure from arrest or process, and if Dupuy de Lome had chosen to shut himself up in his legation and deny himself to callers neither Judge Day nor any one else could get at him without invading Spanish territory. But the all important fact is that the assistant secretary of state did not have to "invade." He broke down no doors and used no force. He simply sent his card to Dupuy de Lome, and was shown in. Their interview was marked by great courtesy on both sides. The Spaniard admitted having written the offensive letter. Judge Day said he was sorry to hear it. Dupuy de Lome said he was also sorry. Then Judge Day said: "Of course, you understand that this puts an end to the usefulness of your career in Washington."

"I understand that very well," replied the minister; "in fact, I sent my resignation to my government last night." All efforts to make the call of Judge Day upon the Spanish minister assume the form of a gross violation of etiquette and right are far-fetched and foolish. It was a novel thing for a secretary of state to call on a minister at the latter's residence, though it is not unprecedented. The rule is that when a minister of foreign affairs wishes to see a minister, the latter is expected to do so. That was done in this case, but Senor de Lome did not respond. Then, the president being anxious to know definitely and finally whether the minister had written the letter, asked Judge Day to ascertain by the short, direct, fair and sensible way of calling at the Spanish legation and asking the minister himself.

De Lome's Future Career.

There is a good deal of curiosity here as to Dupuy de Lome's subsequent career. Before leaving Washington the minister freely expressed among his friends the belief that he was going to become an important man in the politics of Spain. He has even dreamed of succeeding Senor Gullon as minister of foreign affairs should the Sagasta cabinet be overthrown and

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After the confinement of the school room, plenty of out-door exercise should be taken. It is better that children never learn their a, b, c's, than that by over-study they lose their health.

All this is self-evident. Everyone admits it—everyone knows it, but everyone does not know how to build the health up when once broken down, even the best physicians failing at times.

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"Her nerves were at such a tension that the least noise irritated her."

"She had continued twitching in the arms and lower limbs and symptoms of St. Vitus' dance."

"Her blood was out of order she was thin and pale, almost lifeless. In three

months she lost twenty-three pounds. "We did everything possible for her, and she had the best of medical treatment. "Several skilled physicians attended her, but no benefit was apparent. "A family friend visiting us, told how her daughter had been similarly affected, but cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. "She urged us to try the pills, and we finally consented. "We have always rejoiced that we did. "The pills helped Lucy at once, and after taking eight boxes she was entirely cured. "She is now in perfect health, strong, weighs ten pounds more than ever before, and her cheeks are full of color. "Two years of schooling were missed on account of ill health, but now she can gratify her ambition to study and become an educated woman."

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The government at Madrid, in order to draw the fire of the returning diplomat, may decide to offer him honor and promotion. It is hinted here that they will make him ambassador to Berlin or some other European capital. In this way they may seek to get him out of Spain as quickly as possible, that he may not do any harm. It goes without saying that if the government adopts this course public opinion in the United States will be seriously offended. Already the Dupuy de Lome episode has left a bad taste in the mouths of the American people. If congress is a fair representation of the sentiment of the country, President McKinley would be upheld in any aggressive policy he might undertake. Two-thirds of the members of both houses are in favor of intervention for the purpose of bringing the war in Cuba to an end, and most of them would not care very much if war with Spain were the result.

Congress Growing Impatient.

It is considered well settled here that only one thing restrains congress from taking the bit in its teeth and going ahead. This is a belief that the president is preparing to act and a conviction that when the first aggressive move is made it should be taken by the executive. Of course there are plenty of senators and representatives who want to go ahead regardless of the president, just as there are others who want nothing at all done. Between these two extremes stand a great body of sensible men who are in favor of intervention, but who believe the president has promised to act and that he should be left alone. These men control the situation in congress.

When the president will make his next move on Spain and how no one pretends to know. But in congress the assumption is that he promised to act as soon as it was perceived autonomy could not succeed, and as Dupuy de Lome has himself practically admitted that both autonomy and the military programme have failed in Cuba aggressive action of some sort cannot be far distant.

WALTER WELLMAN.

Skulls That Are Painted.

A strange custom, dating back to the dark ages, has survived in some of the mountain districts in Austria—the painting of skulls. The small size of most cemeteries in those regions makes it necessary to regularly remove the skeletons of the buried who have lain there eight or ten years to make room for newcomers. On such occasions the skull is often ornamented with paintings.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Curfew Bell.

The Rev. Charles A. Crane, a Methodist minister of Boston, advocates the revival of the curfew bell in that city. "Boston," he said the other evening, "owes it to herself, and especially to her boys, to pass and faithfully execute a curfew law which shall require all children 16 years of age and under to be off the streets at 8 o'clock in the winter and 9 o'clock in the summer. Lincoln, Neb., was the first city to adopt the curfew law, about two years ago. Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, Des Moines, Topeka and Evanston, Ill., are among the larger cities which have followed. The testimony in favor of the innovation is strong. The chief of police of St. Joseph, Mo., says that seven-eighths of the people give it their sincere approval. There has been a reduction of 50 per cent in commitments to the reform school from that

The shield of Hector, when slung at the back in walking, covered the body from neck to heel.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Feb. 15, 1898. The Committee on Railroads will give a hearing to parties interested in a bill to grant to all express companies equal privileges on railroads in this state (House bill No. 495); also a bill relative to express business upon railroad and steamboat lines (House bill No. 608), at room No. 444, State House, on Wednesday February 23, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. RUFUS A. SOULE, Chairman. SILAS D. REED, Clerk of the Committee.

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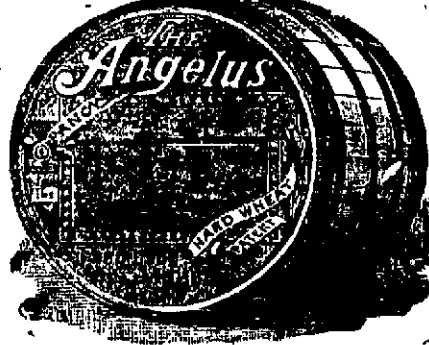
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Anything you wish to know about....

West End Park?

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I have one nice near-by lot that somebody will be sure to want this spring, but it will be a great deal safer to buy it now if you are looking for that sort of a purchase. It is 65 feet front by 140 feet deep, and can be bought for \$2500.

There are still remaining on Richmond Hill, some very desirable lots which will be sold as heretofore at low prices and on easy terms. For nearby lots these are cheaper than anything in the city, and will prove a good investment for the modest home-builder, \$800, 400 and 500.

The lots on the Sherman property, on the line of the electric road, west, are for many reasons considered very choice. They are on high ground, facing south, affording one of the finest views in this valley, and are large, being 75x200. There are five lots remaining on the north side of the street, five having already been sold.

There are twenty lots on what is known as the Harlow Green property on West Main street, opposite the Fair Grounds. \$350 buys a good one.

On the new State Road, opposite the Brayton school, there are some very desirable low price lots, as

well as on West Main street, adjoining Brown & O'Connor's store. Plans and prices on application.

A new 2-tenement house, rents for \$16.50 per month and the price is \$1900. This property can be bought on easy terms if desired.

A double tenement house in good location easily worth \$3500 and I will sell it at that figure.

A new six-tenement house, occupied and renting for \$648. annum and can be bought for \$5000. is a good investment.

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Some Beautiful New Creations For Evening Wear.

BRIGHT COLORS AND AIRY STUFFS.

Elaborate and fanciful decorations for evening material seem to be the prevailing fashion—these are seen in silk as well as heavier goods.

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From now until Lent there will be many occasions for handsome evening gowns. Every store and private establishment is crowded with them. They may be divided into two classes—those of light, airy fabrics and those of rich and sumptuous material. The first is for the young and the second for the matrons young and old.

For dancing classes for young ladies we find everything one can imagine in thin stuffs, beginning with barege and ending with tulle or chiffon. There are nets, dotted muslins, thin silk muslins and even crepe tissue. The one idea and object is to get the material so that it is very transparent.

One design had a pale rose taffeta underlayer, with the outer one of white silk. There were 12 narrow ruffles, in clusters of five, four and three, each bound with a pale rose satin baby ribbon. The upper ruffle on each cluster was Spanish headed. The bodies were in blouse shape, with a wide sash of pink taffeta with a white mulle ruffle all around it. There were no sleeves, but a bertha composed of three narrow ruffles formed an apology for sleeves. A large bunch of artificial violets was placed at the center of the corsage and another was provided to carry, but it is to be supposed that these will be replaced with real flowers when the gown is worn.

There is a very light dotted point d'esprit lace costume which is very pretty when properly made. One of this kind had the underskirt of white taffeta lace. There were six ruffles of the same stuff, each three inches wide and cut on the straight. These ruffles were all accented plaited. The upper one had a triple puffing of the same as narrow as it could be made. On each side of the front breadth there were four or



THREE NEW COSTUMES.

ettes made of the stuff, each with a white satin bow in the center. The bodice was unusually pretty, the front being draped from under the arms down to a point under another ruffle of the stuff. The rest of the front was drawn upward loosely and formed a blouse effect. There was a suggestion of ruffles with white ribbon centers all around the low bodice. The whole gown was like a snowstorm and was certainly beautiful.

Another dainty gown for a young girl was of white fish net over pale pink. Two ruffles at the bottom had quilling of pink silk muslin only an inch wide. The waist was what is called "baby," with three ruffles like those on the skirt, forming both bertha and sleeves. There were a draped belt of moss green ribbon and an upright bow of the same on the skirt holding a spray of jacquemot roses. A similar spray was put on the right shoulder.

A beautiful gown just finished for a society belle—a married one—was of pearl gray satin duchesse with a demitrain. Down every seam all around was laid a pink satin ribbon and over this a flat insertion of meehin lace. There was a suggestion from top to bottom and constituted the only trimming on the skirt. The bow corsage was of the satin, full at the top and laid in narrow plaits above the belt. Around the neck was a flat band of insertion with the pink ribbon under it. The sleeves were three deep lace ruffles with straight edges bound with cardinal velvet ribbon. One line of that edged the neck, and the pointed belt was of cardinal velvet, with a large diamond buckle. There was a cardinal velvet dog collar provided to wear with this gown. It had one diamond heart and one small cross sewed on in front. Velvet dog collars for wear with evening gowns are much liked and they are becoming. The choice is first for a wide collar of pearls and next to that the velvet band.

A superb evening gown for an elderly lady was of rich black satin duchesse, the skirt very ample around the bottom and in a sweeping train at the back. On each seam of the front breadth was placed a set ornament, somewhat in the shape of a flower with pendant branches all in jet beads. It was unspeakably rich and stately.

The bodice was in form of a short basque, with bretelles reaching over the shoulders, straight across the back and down in front, where it met and formed short tabs. The bretelles were bordered on both edges by a knife plaiting of black silk mulle. It was square in the neck, front and back, but not very low, just enough to allow the wearer to display some magazine. The V front was filled in with a jabot of double silk mulle, nearly covered with spangles, mostly black. The bretelles were garnished with a great floral design in green and ruby colored spangles, with a few gilt ones between.

I saw a black moire velours, blouse and skirt affair. Around the wrists, over the elbows as caps and around the bertha shaped collar were two rows of full, narrow black chiffon ruffles edged with narrow lace. The effect was beautiful and reminded one of the gleam of fire among the coals.

Some of the tight tailor basques have the upper part cut away in much the same manner, with the guimpe and collar of a contrasting material, for instance, a mode velour guimpe and collar with a tailor gown of mixed cheviot in mode and brown

and trimmed richly with fancy braid. Lighter colors may have the space cut away filled in with puffings of mulle, drape of liberty silk or tucked muslin over light silk. Whatever way is adopted, the result is sure to be liked.

A dainty shepherd check taffeta had a full blouse waist with a self belt and bow and a full skirt, with one bias ruffle at the bottom, headed by a shirring and footed by an edge of lace. At the neck there was an inset of lace and tucked muslin. This was made more conspicuous by the ruffle and shirring around it, which gave the appearance of a wide collar and sleeve caps, while there was really nothing but the ruffle.

There was a novelty in tailor gowns in one place worth mention. The gown was of mode whipcord. The skirt had ten rows of narrow cording the whole length. The basque had its form brought out not by darts, but by the same kind of cording in graduated length. There were rows of the cording also on the sleeves and five rows in the back. It may be supposed that it required a master hand to make this dress. A curious way to close a basque was shown here. There was a strap with two rows of silver buttons on it.

Plaid is growing in public favor, and one sees it everywhere, even in ballrooms, for some of the new light stuffs are barred in colors or white. Some grays have fine barings of canary or burnt orange yellow. Some of the new cotton mixed taffetas are plaided in light colors. There are dozens of dozens of lightweight wool and wool and cotton or silk stuffs for spring, and they have more different styles of plaid than I can tell, but I notice that there are fewer plain plaids than fanciful ones wrought by fine stripes, broken lines and tufted lines.

The tweeds with tartan facings for golfing and other outdoor rough usage make an exception. These are always plain plaid, and so are the beautiful shawls. The shepherd and pinhead checks are extremely popular. The new wool diagonals and chevrons are as a general rule in very light tints. The Scotch tweeds are called the best in the market for rough use. Next come the priestly cravattes. These have the additional quality of being waterproof, and they are handsome.

Coverlets are being made up in large numbers for outing and street costumes. For bicycling coverts, cravattes and tweeds will be the first choice. For cold days the suits made of ribbed velveta in are very comfortable and cor-



MAJOLINI.

Pine Ribbon Red Poll Bull at British Fair This Season.

In Great Britain the most popular general purpose breed at present is the Red Poll. For beef the Shorthorn still excels all others in general favor in the Isles, but the British mind seems unable to get over the notion that a cow is not worth much except she produce both



CHAMPION RED POLL BULL.

milk and calves which will grow in large herds. The idea is a vain one, for the perfect general purpose cow exists no more than the general purpose horse or hen.

Still, perhaps the Red Poll comes nearer representing the general purpose breed of cattle as any can do. The cows are not so large and heavy as the Shorthorns or Herefords, but on the other hand they give more milk than females of those breeds, and Red Poll steers make excellent beef, though they do not attain the largest size.

The bull in the picture is the champion at the British shows of 1897. He is 5 years old and of the best Red Poll pedigree. He is owned in Cheshire, England.

Ringed Hogs.

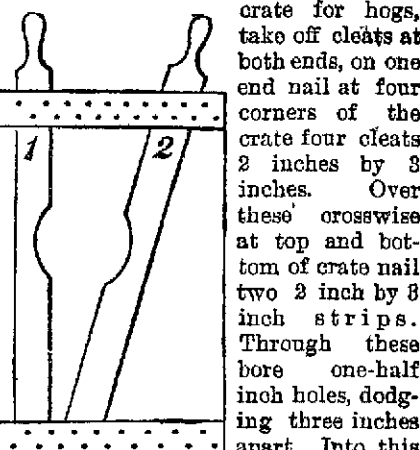
Two correspondents of The National Stockman give their methods for ringed hogs. Both seem very cheap and handy.

The first one described is that of Mr. George W. Pottorf, who says:

I have a catcher for use in ringed hogs that works to perfection, as the largest hog can be held with one hand and ringed with the other. Take a common broom handle, bore a small hole in one end, take a strong whipcord about 14 inches long and pass through hole and tie. That forms a noose. When you sloop your hogs, take hold of the handle and hook this noose in the mouth, upper jaw, then twist the handle, forming a hitch around the nose. You can hold the handle with one hand and ring with the other. It is the nicest arrangement I ever saw.

The second device is described by Mr. E. D. Hale, who sends also a diagram of his convenient arrangement.

This is the way we catch hogs for ringing. Take an ordinary shipping



crate for hogs, take off cleats at both ends, on one end nail at four corners of the crate four cleats 2 inches by 3 inches. Over these crosswise at top and bottom of crate nail two 2 inch by 8 inch strips. Through these bore one-half inch holes, dodging three inches apart. Into this space insert two movable levers with holes in them opposite those in cleats. When finished, the end of the crate will look like the diagram. Levers 1 and 2 are held in place by two bolts without nuts. This makes them adjustable to different sized hogs. No. 2 is thrown back ready for the hog to put his head in. Set the "trap," we call it, at your pen door, with hogs inside, with one man or boy to chase one at a time into it, and as the hog runs his head into the open trap catch him just behind the ears by moving lever 2 to an upright position quickly. When you have your hog in the trap, you can ring him at your leisure. We have used this kind of device for ten years. There is no patent on it.

To Prevent a Muddy Barnyard.

Now I come to the only practical way I know of for making a decent barnyard—that is, to pave it with cobblestones when they can be had without too much trouble. The stones should be, we will say, about six inches in thickness. They should be laid with a great deal of care and the interstices filled with sand. The stones should be pounded down solid, even and smooth as may be with a heavy wooden maul. Such a pavement will cost something, it is true, but if put in right it is there to stay for all time. The manure can be cleaned off, as often as necessary, any time in the summer, and then there can be no mud tramped up.

It will take about five loads of stone and sand for each square rod of surface. A yard, five rods square, will take 125 loads and take a man two weeks to lay it good. In places where stone cannot be had the next best thing to do is to make a plank floor over the entire yard.

—C. P. Goodrich in Hoard's Dairyman.

ALL SORTS OF SPORTS.

In three years the Chicago Golf club has spent \$10,000 on its links.

William Cameron Forbes, '92, will be head coach of the Harvard eleven next season.

The treasurer of the Cornell Athletic association reports a net balance for the season of \$3,000.

Bryan G. Hughes, the well known fancy skater of England, is out with a challenge to meet any man in the world for any amount of money.

The Crescent Athletic club has secured additional grounds adjoining its golf links at Bay Ridge for the purpose of enlarging the course to 18 holes.

The athletic board of the University of Michigan has offered a silver cup to the winner of a drop kicking and punting contest to take place in the spring.

Basket ball is now attracting considerable attention among Cornell athletes, and for the first time in the history of the university a regular team has been organized.

Live Stock Points.

All farm and work horses should be trained to the fast walk.

A mixture of half oats and half carrots keeps horses' digestion in order.

Toppled horses should not be allowed to compete in races, declares The Horseman. "Let us have less of the hopple and more of the genuine, pure galloped race horse with the native ability to go fast and true."

GAVE HIMSELF AWAY.



Farmer Hancock: "What are you doing around here?" Washington Jones: "Jes' lookin' at de lay ob de lan, massa."

—Yellow Book.

THE CROCODILE AS A JOKER.

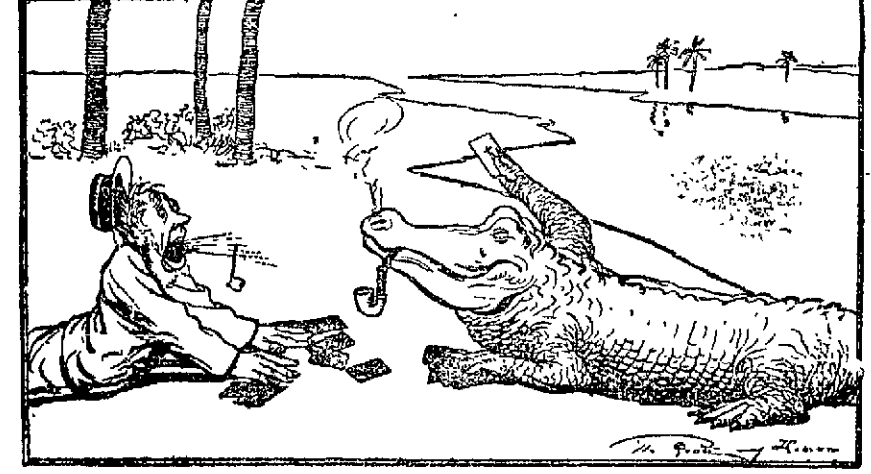


PITFALLS OF OUR ORTHOPEDY.



"Well, doctor, and do you expect to do much sleighing this winter?"

—Punch.



"It 'pears t' me, Rufe, dat de shah must 'a' done gone out! Dey ain't a bit o' heat comin' inter disher room!"

—New York Journal.

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Boil two pounds of halibut in salt water until done, then take the fish out carefully and throw away half of the water. Fill up the remainder with milk, then add a tablespoonful of sugar and a small piece of butter. Thicken by stirring in half a cup of flour, beaten smooth in cold water. When the gravy is done, replace the fish and let it boil for five minutes. When it is ready to serve, have the bottom of your serving dish covered with sliced lemons, which should come to the top of the gravy when the fish is put on the table.

CREAM PIE.

(Mrs. Parker.)

Five ounces Cottole, four eggs, one teaspoonful sugar, two tablespoonfuls flour, one and one-half quarts milk. Mix the flour well with a pint of cold milk, and add to the other ingredients. Pour over a quart of boiling milk, stir. Flavor with extract of lemon or vanilla. Bake in very deep pans lined with pie crust.

POTATO SALAD.

Boil and mash one quart of potatoes. Make a dressing of two ounces of fresh butter, one teaspoonful of milk and two teaspoonfuls each of mustard and sugar. Season with salt and pepper. Rub the yolks of four hard-boiled eggs to a powder and add vinegar sufficient to moisten the mixture. Chop the whites of the eggs very fine and mix in. Put a layer of potatoes in a salad bowl, with a spoonful of dressing dropped over it in spots; then another layer, then the dressing, and so on, putting the dressing on top. Garnish with parsley.

DRESSING FOR POTATO SALAD.

Put the yolks of an egg into a bowl, with a saltspoonful of salt and beat until light; then add half a teaspoonful of dry mustard and beat again. Then add olive oil, drop by drop, until it thickens, then a few drops of vinegar and the same of lemon juice. Continue this process until the egg has absorbed a little more than a gill of oil. Finish by adding a very little cayenne pepper.

RICE OMELET.

Take a cup of cold boiled rice, turn over it a cup of warm milk and add a tablespoonful of melted butter, a level teaspoonful of salt and a dash of pepper. Mix well and add three well beaten eggs. Put a tablespoonful of butter in a hot frying pan and when it boils pour in the omelet and set the pan in a hot oven. As soon as it is cooked through, fold it double, turn it out on a hot dish and serve at once.

JORDAN CAKE.

One-half cup of butter, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of sweet milk, two eggs, one and one-half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of cream-tarar, one-half teaspoonful of soda. Bake in two or three tins.

Frosting—Two-thirds of a cup of sweet milk, one and one-half cups of sugar, butter, half the size of a small egg. Boil hard seven minutes, stirring all the time. When cold flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla. Beat until white and thick, and spread between the layers and on top.

SALMON PATTIES.

Prepare a force-meal of salmon by mincing the meat, mixing it with chopped cooked truffles and a small piece of butter. With this preparation fill some puff paste patty cases, putting some breadcrumbs on top, and brown in the oven.

CRUMPETS.

Mix together thoroughly, while dry, one quart of sifted flour, two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a little salt. Then add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and sweet milk enough to make a thin dough. Bake quickly in muffin rings or patty pans. Butter while hot and serve immediately.

CREAM CAKE.

Mix two cups of sugar, one of butter, one of milk, three of flour, half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and the whites of four eggs. Bake this mixture in layers, and before serving the cake, spread between each division some stiffly whipped cream, flavored with vanilla.

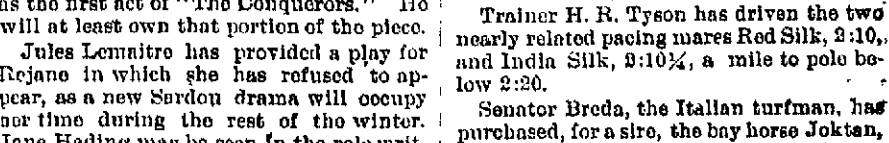
SNOW PYRAMIDS.

Beat to a stiff froth the whites of half a dozen eggs, add a small teaspoonful of currant jelly, and whip all together again. Fill as many saucers half full of cream as you have guests, dropping in the center of each saucer a tablespoonful of the beaten eggs and jelly in the shape of a pyramid. A very pretty as well as a very appetizing dish.

CORN MEAL PUFFS.

Into one quart of boiling milk stir eight tablespoonfuls of Indian meal, four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and a teaspoonful of nutmeg. Let the whole boil five minutes, stirring constantly, to prevent its adhering to the saucepan; then remove it from the fire and when cool stir in six eggs, beaten slightly as possible; mix well and pour the mixture into buttered tea-cups, nearly filling them. Bake in a moderate oven half an hour and serve with sauce.

USE



Nat Goodwin has produced in Chicago the play written by Clyde Fitch on the life of Nathan Hale and it has evidently met popular approval.

The drama which Henry Guy Carleton wrote for James J. Corbett is being played in Illinois. The former prizefighter enacts a devil may care hero.

Paul Potter has bought Guy de Maupassant's "Mlle. El-Fi," which he utilized as the first act of "The Conquerors." He will at least own that portion of the piece.

Jules Lemaitre has provided a play for Regene in which she has refused to appear, as a new Sardou drama will occupy her time during the rest of the winter. Jane Hading may be seen in the role written for Roland.

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The members of Alert Hose No. 1 of Adams have good reason to feel proud of their 22d annual concert and ball held in Armory hall at Adams Friday evening. It was the most elaborate social even held in town since the dedication of Berkshire mill No. 1.

The hall was beautifully trimmed with evergreens throughout. Small evergreen trees were placed in little clusters on either side of the hall with seats arranged between them. The effect was that of a beautiful forest scene.

The platform for the musicians was placed on the north side of the room and its edges were attached large evergreen boughs which almost hid the players. The front was decorated with hose pipes, axes, water pails, and fire apparatus while on the wall in the rear was another display of similar paraphernalia.

It was about 8.15 o'clock when Palmer's orchestra of 12 pieces started the first number of the concert program. Four more numbers followed, the rendition of each receiving hearty applause. During the concert guests kept arriving. The hall was soon crowded, and it was then that the Alerts began to realize that the event was to surpass all previous ones.

Prompter W. G. Ryan of Springfield announced at 9.15 o'clock the formation of the grand march. Chief H. A. Jones and wife led and were followed by the visiting firemen, the members of the Alerts and finally the other guests. So large was the number of couples in line that it formed a double square, which had never been seen in the hall before. The fantastic moves through which the line was carried made a pleasing picture. The elaborate gown of the ladies and the sober black of their partners combined to make a scene that was delightful to the eyes of the on-lookers. There were fully 250 in the march.

With the conclusion of the march and circle the 13 dances of the first half began. During the intermission Caterer Hammond served refreshments from tables placed next to the orchestral platform and a complimentary supper was served to visiting firemen and their friends in the basement of the Armory.

After the intermission the crowd thinned so that it was much pleasanter to dance and the remaining 14 figures on the program were given. The Williamstown guests left at 2 o'clock this morning. As they departed they were given a hearty cheer by the Alerts. The event was over at about 4 o'clock.

The Alerts are much pleased with the affair not only because it was a success financially but because it proved so pleasant socially. The music by Palmer's orchestra was excellent and many compliments were paid it by the dancers. Prompter Ryan as usual was a favorite.

Among the out of town guests were: Chief of the Fire Department and Mrs. Byars, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hooley, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodruff, Dr. and Mrs. McDowell, Chief of Police and Mrs. Kendall, Thomas H. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, Miss Viola Wright, H. C. Hawkins, W. J. McNeill, P. H. Whalen, Ernest P. Faulkner, William B. Haggerty and Harry LaMarre of this city; Chief of the Fire Department and Mrs. Crosier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noel, Misses Clara and Liza Noel, Miss Anna Rowley, Miss Ivan Whitney, Dr. Hill, Miss Mollie Craft, Mr. Varney, Edward Thompson, H. Fitzgerald, Homer C. White and Harry P. Cole of Williamstown; Misses Anna E. Donovan, Mary Flaherty and Katie Grace of Cheshire; Fred Austey, H. Mills and Miss Mable Munson of Pittsfield; D. J. McIntyre of Worcester; John L. Burt of Framingham, P. L. Judd of Shelburne Falls, Miss Maud Dunsmoor of Northfield, Vt., and W. B. Reed of Athol.

The floor manager was William O'Brien the assistant floor manager, A. H. Streeter, and the aids, P. P. Smith, J. R. Smith, James Neary, Edward Potter, William Hammond, P. D. Powers, B. Mimo, A. H. McKenzie, Levi Gravel, H. M. Fern, H. B. Wyman and P. C. Mattison. The committee of arrangements were William O'Brien, chairman; P. P. Smith, secretary and treasurer, and A. H. Streeter, A. H. McKenzie, G. Sanderson, Jr., George Sullivan, H. M. Fern, Patrick Whalen, William Hodecker, James Murray, A. K. Boom. The reception committee was William O'Brien, A. H. McKenzie, William Hodecker, James Murray, G. Sanderson, A. K. Boom, P. R. Shaw, J. R. Pickett, J. C. Cadigan, T. P. Welch, E. J. Laferriere.

Guban Question on the Streets.

Discussion of local questions on the streets is almost entirely replaced now with that of the present state of the Cuban question and the destruction of the Maine. Unlike most cities, North Adams had none of its sons on the ship, and no relatives of local people were among the number. But the general interest has been exceedingly great. It has been noticeable that most of the opinions expressed were conservative, but thoroughly patriotic, and the intelligent reliability of the North Adams public has been shown again.

Down in Pittsfield they knew of the affair as early as Monday. The Maine was blown up Tuesday evening. But few cities are so rapid as that and here the people were content to receive the news when it really happened.

In the great interest that has been shown, the full accounts given each evening in THE TRANSCRIPT's telegraph news have been appreciated, giving the latest developments in the terrible affair to within a short time of going to press each day.

Miss Mamie Keyes of Schaghticoke, N. Y., is visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. F. McGrath.

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PLEASANT DANCING PARTY.

Le Bon Ton Club Gives an Enjoyable Private Dance.

The private dancing party given in Grand Army hall Friday night by Le Bon Ton club was one of the most brilliant and delightful social events of the season in this city. The plans had been perfected with the utmost care by the ladies, who have reason to be greatly gratified by the success of their efforts.

The hall was beautifully trimmed with evergreens, flags, and bunting, and presented a most inviting appearance. The attendance was large, there being 50 couples on the floor. The ladies were all in evening dress and there were many rich and beautiful costumes.

Music was furnished by the Ideal orchestra. The concert lasted from 8 till 9 o'clock, and the excellence of the music was the subject of many complimentary expressions. The various selections were roundly applauded and by the close of the final number the company was ready for the more active part of the evening's program. The promenade was led by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott. Then came dancing, which lasted till 2.30 this morning.

The program included all the popular and favorite figures, two steps, waltzes etc., and from the close of the concert to the close of the dance no time was lost. All entered heartily into the enjoyment of the occasion and nothing was lacking which could contribute to the pleasure of the company. Refreshments were served throughout the evening in one of the side rooms.

This was the last entertainment to be given by the club before Lent. To the following the thanks of all who participated in the pleasures of the occasion are due:

Committee of arrangements—Miss M. Cardany, Mrs. J. L. Scott, Miss G. Cardany, Miss H. Lee.

Floor director—J. L. Scott; aids—D. A. Jerome, George Vassart, D. Plouffe, M. Meade, P. Plouffe, R. Bernard.

Patronesses—Mrs. W. N. Cardany, Mrs. A. N. Gelineau, Mrs. G. H. Lee, Mrs. J. L. Comisky, Mrs. N. J. Baron of Williamstown, Mrs. J. H. Kane.

Among the Churches.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday morning the pastor will give an outline of the work proposed for the ensuing year. In the evening he will preach under the auspices of the Men's Sunday Evening club. His topic will be "The Place of a Prophet in the Life of a Nation."

METHODIST.

The pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. F. O. Wilsons of Stamford, Vt., Sunday morning. The pastor will preach as usual in the evening.

BAPTIST.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Compensation of the Cross." In the evening he will speak on "Room for Jesus."

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held Wednesday evening.

ADVENT.

L. F. Baker will preach. Subject at 10.30 a. m., "The Two Appearings of Jesus." At 7 p. m., subject "Faith."

UNIVERSALIST.

Rev. F. A. Taylor of the Universalist church will take for his subject tomorrow morning, "Factor of Truth," and in the evening his subject will be "The Scepter of Providence."

Y. M. C. A.

There will be a song service Sunday afternoon at 3.45. John Taylor, formerly of the Moody male quartet will sing. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. George Merritt of the Moody school.

T. J. Thyng will have charge of the boy's meeting.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

7.30 a. m., Holy Communion.
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon by the rector. Subject of sermon, "Love in Its Bearings on Lent."

7 p. m., musical service.
On Monday evening the children of St. John's Sunday school will be entertained with music by Prof. Andrews and music by Leah Kohler and others.

Lent begins on Wednesday with services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. During Lent the Sunday services will be: Holy Communion, except first Sunday in the month, at 7.30 a. m., Sunday school and men's bible class at 10 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m., on Wednesdays and Fridays services will be at 9 a. m. and 7.45 p. m., on other week days evening prayer and devotional reading at 4.30 p. m.

The City Reports.

The annual city reports for the year 1897 have just been issued, making a book of 460 pages. The book contains the usual annual statements from all the city officers and departments, which make up most of the volume, and the substance of which has been published. The book also contains the inaugural address of Mayor Cady, the jury list for last year, and many valuable statistics in regard to the work of the city. The report of the superintendent of schools is illustrated with pictures of the various buildings and of some of the kindergarten work.

An appendix gives a statement of the disbursements of the city from December 1, when the fiscal year closed, to February 1, bringing it as nearly as possible to the date of publication. The total expenditures were \$38,443.66, of which \$23,931.26 was in December and \$30,452.40 in January. The actual expenses for January were \$20,223.37.

The book is issued from the job department of THE TRANSCRIPT Publishing Co. and was issued complete in 30 days from the receipt of the copy, making a record for a book of its size and make-up equal to any book establishment.

Doctors and Druggists.

The hearing on the medical registration bill about which the druggists have been somewhat alarmed was held in Boston yesterday, and sentiment seemed to be in favor of it in so far as it relates to the exclusion of "quacks," but the clause that would prevent druggists from recommending any medicine will probably be omitted or altered.

COUNTY TEACHERS TALK SHOP.

Annual Meeting in Pittsfield. Interesting Papers Read.

The Berkshire County Teachers' association held its 31st annual meeting in Pittsfield Friday, in the assembly room of the new high school building there. About 250 teachers were present, and many representatives of the school boards were in attendance. The meeting was a most successful one, the papers all being interesting and instructive.

After the president's address, in which Mr. Bouton spoke of the increasing opportunities of teachers, F. E. Howard, supervisor of music in Bridgeport, Ct., spoke of school music. He urged the importance of practice rather than theory in music teaching in the schools. H. H. Ballard of Pittsfield read a paper on "Socrates, the model teacher."

An important paper was that of Principal J. S. Chapin of the Westfield normal school, who emphasized the importance of training in the use of good English. He criticized the present "composition," and urged something better in its place.

Supervisor G. H. Martin of Boston spoke on "The Unseen Force in Character Building." He mentioned the forces which are at work outside the school room and their importance. Charles R. Skinner of New York made the last address, on "The Mission of the Teacher," in which he gave the teachers present a statement of the ideals for which a teacher should strive.

The following officers were elected: President, Eugene Bouton of Pittsfield; vice presidents, I. Freeman Hall of this city, W. D. Goodwin of Pittsfield, S. L. Cutler of Great Barrington; secretary, C. E. Bennett of Pittsfield; treasurer, George W. Gardner of Pittsfield; state delegate, C. A. Bryan of Pittsfield; executive committee, E. Earl Ingalls of Dalton, Superintendent Rogers of Stockbridge, Principal A. W. Smith of Adams, Miss Ellen Grons of Pittsfield, Superintendent Lamphier of Becket, Principal M. N. Thomas of Blackinton, Miss W. A. Ryan of Dalton.

Tributes to Congressman Wright.

The memory of Ashley B. Wright was further honored in Washington Friday by the Senate, which gave the afternoon to eulogies. These were presented by Senators Hoar, Lodge, Morgan and Hawley. Senator Hoar offered the memorial resolutions without early notice to the New England members of the House, but Representative Lawrence was present, and Mr. Fitzgerald represented the democratic side.

Senator Hoar's eulogy of Mr. Wright was a beautiful piece of word painting. He began by reference to the glory and solidity of the Berkshire hills, among which Mr. Wright was born, and compared their strength to the strong fiber of the man who grew up among them. He then went on to sketch Mr. Wright's rise in the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, his service in the legislature, and finally his choice as the people's representative in the halls of the national legislature. A large part of his life, the senator pointed out, had been given in loyal public service, three years as county commissioner, two years in the executive council, often a member of the board of selectmen of his town, and finally a member of congress, where death found him and struck him down.

Senator Morgan of Alabama gave an address of general character. Senator Hawley paid a high tribute to Mr. Wright, speaking of him as one "of the type of men who do honor to American manhood and the power of American institutions." Senator Lodge delivered a strong address, reviewing Mr. Wright's life and work.

F. M. T. A. Smoke Talk.

The second of a series of smoke talks to be given by the F. M. T. A. society was held at their rooms last evening. The meeting opened with a selection by the Ideal orchestra. A short address was given by Rev. C. E. Burke, spiritual director of the society, who said he came to encourage the society in the good work they were trying to accomplish in the parish. Songs were rendered by James Jones and Fr. Burke and recitations by William F. Barrington and Willard M. Brown. Richard Delaney gave a talk on temperance. A short intermission was taken when refreshments were served and smoking enjoyed. The program continued with songs by William F. Smith, James Jones, Michael Connors and John Meade, and recitations by Willard Brown and William F. Smith. These gatherings, have proved beneficial to the society in gaining members.

Next Week at the Columbia.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," "My Boy's" and the Williams college musical association are the attractions at the Columbia theater next week. Uncle Tom's Cabin Monday evening, with a matinee at 4 in the afternoon for school children, is by the Martin company, which gives the most elaborate production of the well known story of any of the organizations on the road. The company is promised to be above the average of the "two-Topsy" troupes, and the old tragic folk story has probably lost none of its charm for the present generation.

Richards & Casfield are an effective pair of comedians, and their return engagement in "My Boys" Tuesday afternoon and evening will need no introduction. The play is another of those whose purpose is laughter, and it has been highly successful in its errand of merrcy so far.

To Form Good Templars Lodge.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a lodge of Good Templars was held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors Friday evening. There was a good attendance and about 20 people signed a charter. E. T. Cooke was chairman of the meeting and C. A. Larabee was secretary. Interesting talks were made on the benefits of such a lodge and it was decided to organize a week from Monday when a grand lodge officer from Boston will be present. E. T. Cooke, C. A. Larabee and Mr. Brown were chosen a committee to engage a hall for the lodge meetings.

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